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1. MINISTRY OF POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS PER SEC OGEMBO AND TEAM APPARENTLY DID NOT VISIT U.S. ON RECENT TRIP. NEITHER EXIMBANK, U.S. SUPPLIERS, NOR IBRD CONTACTED BY GOK TEAM AND ALL REMAIN IN DARK AS TO INTENTIONS GOK.

2. DURING VISIT BY UDI MAREKA GECAGA, KENYAN DIRECTOR OF LONRHO, EXIM PROVIDED HIM WITH BASIC INFORMATION RE ATTITUDE TOWARD LENDING TO KENYA AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EXIMBANK LOANS.

3. ON AUGUST 20 EXIM REP MET WITH DONALD BICKERS, CHIEF, PORTS, RAILWAYS, AVIATION, AND PIPELINES, E.A. DIV. IBRD TO DISCUSS CONDITION OF E.A. RAILWAYS AND KENYAN EQUIPMENT NEEDS. BICKERS INDICATED MOST PRESSING NEED FOR SPARES, MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT, TRACK IMPROVEMENTS. LARGE LOCOMOTIVE PURCHASE MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE

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IN VIEW OF DIESELIZATION PROGRAM. BICKERS INDICATED IBRD MISSION SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER TO STUDY PLANS OF KENYAN RAILWAYS. EARLIEST IBRD LOAN LIKELY IS MARCH 1977. IN MEANTIME DOLS 17-18 REMAINING UNDER SUSPENDED LOAN COULD BE RELEASED SOON.

4. EXIM INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER GOK TEMM'S VISIT IS TO
BE RESCHEDULED AND WHETHER GOK STILL INTERESTED IN EXIM FINANCING.
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN DEVELOP.
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